

itself, the class of injuries, particularly those caused by modern small caliber high power projectiles from the infantry rifle, and the other class caused by shrapnel so freely used by the Japanese in their field artillery, receive especial attention.

As a whole, the book is a most interesting and profitable one. It supplies to the professional reader many new ideas as to the manner of guarding against infection and of securing good results under the most unfavorable conditions, and to the lay reader it presents in a vivid manner the difficulties and dangers that attend the prosecution of an actual campaign where both man and nature have combined to render mere existence almost an impossibility. To both it brings vividly to mind the celebrated axiom attributed to Gen. Sherman, that "War is Hell!"

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**THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF WOMEN.** By HARRY S. CROSSEN, M.D., Clinical Professor of Gynecology, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., etc. 799 pages and 700 illustrations. C. W. Mosby Medical Book and Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo., 1907.

The author sets forth the aims of the book in its preface. It "is devoted exclusively to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of women as those diseases are met with in the office and at the bedside by the general practitioner. No space is given to other considerations (etiology, pathology, major operative technique), except as necessary to bring the work to its highest usefulness as a practical guide in the lines indicated. While no space is taken up with detailed technical descriptions of major operations, much care is taken to set forth clearly the differential diagnosis of the various conditions requiring such operative treatment, the kind of operation called for by the particular conditions present, what the operation is intended to accomplish, the preparation of the patient for operation and the after care necessary to complete the restoration to health."

Over 220 of the 700 illustrations are original and many of these are reproductions of photographs which represent the various steps in the diagnosis and treatment of pelvic disorders. The remaining illustrations have been chosen from various sources and due acknowledgment and credit is given these sources both in the preface and text.

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diagnosis and treatment of diseases of women from the standpoint of the general practitioner. The writer has born this in mind throughout the entire book and has very carefully described and illustrated (especially by photographs) each procedure which he has deemed necessary for the practitioner to understand. The systematic arrangement of the subject matter and the very careful attention to detail (though at times apparently too explicit), both in the text and in the illustrations, should prove of value to the general practitioner who has not had sufficient training in gynecological diagnosis, especially if he lives far from a medical centre and has to rely on his own resources.

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THE OPERATIONS OF SURGERY. By W. H. A. JACOBSON, M.Ch. Oxon., F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon Guy's Hospital; and R. P. ROWLANDS, M.S., F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon Guy's Hospital, Joint Teacher of Operative Surgery in the Medical School. Fifth edition. 777 illustrations. Vol. I, 8vo., pp. 926. Vol. II, 8vo., pp. 1139. London: J. & A. Churchill. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Sons & Co. 1907.

The advances in operative surgery which have taken place since 1902, when the fourth edition of Jacobson's appeared, have been so extensive that a most thorough and comprehensive revision had become a necessity if the author wished to have his work continue as a reference book for students and practitioners. This is accomplished in the present edition by the aid of Mr. R. P. Rowlands, who has taken Mr. Steward's place and has written the sections dealing with the general surgery of the abdomen, and Mr. D. B. Smith, who has made himself responsible for the re-written and thoroughly revised chapters on "Operations on the Ovary and Uterus." We regret to note the author's determination to make this the last edition in which he will take an active part.

Volume I deals with the operations on the upper extremity, head, neck and thorax. The author has wisely omitted the insertion of meaningless illustrations of procedures and instruments, preferring to quote cases which illustrate the point needing explanation; the book is remarkable for the number and completeness of such interpolations.

Owing to the frequency with which infusion is performed, attention should be drawn to the poor technique the author has